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For: METHODS FOR PLANARIZATION OF GROUP VIII METAL-CONTAINING
SURFACES USING A FIXED ABRASIVE ARTICLE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 forms is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the 1449 forms, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Applicant also wishes to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Applications, as well as any prior art and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced therein. A copy of each of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Applications is provided herewith.

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FIXED ABRASIVE ARTICLE**List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications**

Applicant(s)	Application Number	Filing Date	Serial No. of Provisional Application to which listed Application claims priority
Klein et al.	10/028,249	12/21/01	N/A
Sinha et al.	10/028,040	12/21/01	N/A
Uhlenbrock et al.	10/032,357	12/21/01	N/A
Brian A. Vaartstra	10/032,049	12/21/01	N/A

It is believed that no fee is due, as this Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to the receipt of any Action on the merits. However, in the event a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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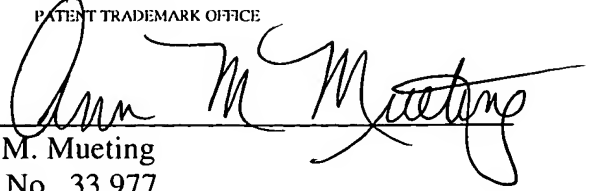
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